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IMPORTANT NOTICE ... SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Four members of the Overseas Press Club will give the low-down on what happened to correspondents covering the General Assembly of the United Nations in Paris last Fall. They will answer questions and tell some of the problems of getting the news at the Palais de Chaillot.

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"CORRESPONDENTS' REPORT TO CORRESPONDENTS"

If you can't get to the cocktails from 6:30 P.M. to 7:15 P.M. or the Dinner which will be catered by the C. & L. Caterers at the Guild Club, come in at 9 P. M. MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THIS BI-ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE OPC.

- AGENDA -

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE DINNER COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

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There will be a meeting of the Awards Committee on Monday, January 24th, at 5:30 P.M. in the clubrooms.

Don't forget the meeting of the Membership Committee on Thursday, January 27th in the clubrooms. Suggestions for new members should be sent to Louis Lochner, chairman of the committee.

Gretta Palmer is a member of the Catholic Writers' Guild Awards Committee for 1949. The Award for 1948 consisting of a Golden Book will go to Robert Considine for his "Babe Ruth Story" at a dinner to be held at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria on January 29th. The Award has been inaugurated to encourage Catholic writers in their work and to provide some form of tangible recognition to authors of books of unusual merit.

Frank Gervasi writes about "President Truman" in the January 22 issue of Collier's while Lawrence Blochman authors another thriller in the same issue called "Deadly Backfire".

FOR RENT... Small attractive house near Richberry, New York, complete with oilburner, hot water, etc., three bedrooms and two baths for rent for the winter while OPC owner-member is in New York. Rent would be \$60 a month. Perfect for someone writing a book who wants to hole in.

James A. Linen, publisher of Time, writes in the January 17th issue of the magazine that correspondent William Rospigliosi, Rome bureau, in New York for the first time, recognizes that correspondents in one place or another view their particular bailiwick's news as top stuff whereas in the New York office of any news organization, the story is only a fraction of the whole, while the correspondent in the field has no way of knowing just where his story stands. (Editor's Note.... Only radio members stationed abroad who talk to their home offices in New York every day know how their story stacks up with the news because they are either on the "World News Hookup" of the day or they're not..)

Albert Stevens Crockett, who worked for James Gordon Bennett for many years, remarked that the item in the Bulletin last week about correspondents before World War I did not go back far enough. Crockett was in Europe in 1902 when there were about ten correspondents in all for American news organizations abroad, to wit:

Walter Neef of the AP bureau in London had George Denny and an Englishman named William Goode working for him. UP was represented by John Vandercook, Sr. whose aide was J. Warren T. Mason. Edward P. Bell represented the Chicago Daily News in England and Frederic William Wile worked for the CDN in Berlin. The New York Sun had Harry Chamberlain in London along with a legman, one Ambrose Lambert, who ended up on the Boston Post. The N.Y. Times had one man in London in 1902 and the N.Y. Tribune assigned Isaac Newton Ford, who could use a byline (little known in those days). In England the N.Y. World had an Irishman, James Touhy, as its London correspondent.



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According to Crockett, the only American magazine with a correspondent was Harper's Weekly, for which George Barr Baker acted also as business representative.... Hearst had Edward F. Flynn, a very able newspaper man. In 1901-2, Milton V. Snyder was head of the New York Herald Office in London, to be succeeded in 1903 by Ernest Marshall, an Englishman, who was grabbed by the N.Y. Times in 1905 for their London Office. (But more history of the foreign correspondents at the turn of the century in the next Bulletin.)

Catherine Coyne of the Boston Herald Traveler was married in Boston on Saturday, January 15th, to Judge Eugene A. Hudson, of the Massachusetts Supreme Court. Catherine looked very lovely. Several OPC members attended the wedding.

Mrs. Elsie Danenberg of the Sunday Herald of Bridgeport, Conn. has a new book coming out in March, titled "How To Get A House The Cooperative Way" to be published by J. Greenberg of New York... Our member traveled about three months over the United States to gather the material for this book.

BOOKS RECEIVED BY THE OPC LIBRARY DURING THE PAST WEEK:

DEMOCRACY VS FEUDALISM IN POST WAR JAPAN, by William Costello, from the author

FROM DAY TO DAY, by Odd Nansen, from G. P. Putnam's

HITLER AND HIS ADMIRALS, by Anthony K. Martiessen from E. P. Dutton & Co.

THE LONG LAND - CHILE, by Carleton Beals, from Coward McCann Co.

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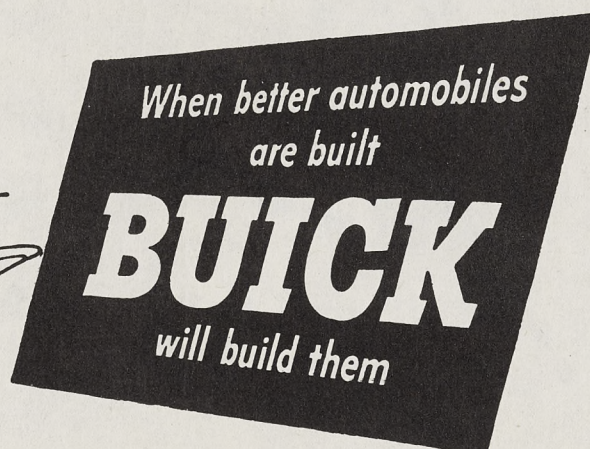
LIBRARY NOTES - The OPC LIBRARY is now receiving the new magazine "World's Forum" published in New York by the Italian's People's Union. It is edited by Frank Bellanca. We are also on the mailing list of "The Military Engineer", the Journal of the Society of American Military Engineers, in which our member, Roger Shaw, is writing a series entitled "Adam to Atoms". Johannes Steel has renewed his club mailing of his publication "World Report", a monthly digest of news.

Dave Resnick had an article in the publication "Better Times", put out by the Welfare Council of New York City titled "Films" which described the use of non-theatrical motion picture and slide films by social work, public health and educational organizations.

Henry Moscow of the New York Post was elected President of the New York Newspaper Guild recently - which also makes him President of the Guild Club. This election was a severe defeat for the left-wing in the Guild.

Harrison Forman has left for China where he will cover the present conflict there from the Communist side. He will also write a book about the subject for Whittlesly House to be called "Second Report".

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In the January issue of Coronet, Martine Sheridan authors an article entitled "Fun, Inc."; John Barkham writes of the new market for U.S. Industry in "South Africa...New Frontier" and Joseph Israels, II reviews the history of the Steinway pianos in "Instrument of the Immortals". (Jerome Beatty, Jr. has resigned as managing editor of Coronet and Tim Horan has also resigned. Fritz Bamberger will take over their duties.) Harold Isaacs of Newsweek magazine left last week for a quick trip and survey of Southeastern Asia with special attention to Indonesia. Hal will be gone about three months.

Helen Kirkpatrick, writing for the N.Y. Post-Home News last week from Washington, interviewed the first woman to be commissioned a regular officer in the Army- Col. Mary Agnes Halleran.

Did you know that the Overseas Press Club acts as an unofficial Lecture Bureau for members? The Secretary figures that two or three telephone calls per day convey requests for speakers from lecture agents, clubs and organizations as well as inquiries from radio stations and publications who want to find out which members are back from this or that part of the world in order to have them on radio programs or write special articles. Another frequent request is for the names of members who have served as correspondents in one country or another....

A motion picture company called the office last week to ask if there had ever been a foreign or war correspondent by the name of Theodore Wright. They were looking for a good name for the hero of a new film. A check of the extensive club records turned up no such name in foreign correspondence, so we told the company we thought they were safe.

Government investigators are frequent visitors at the club - to check on the records of members for government jobs or other reasons. The personal files of members now contain clippings about them, examples of their writing or radio broadcasts and any other pertinent material filed by the club office. It is just another service which the OPC renders its members in their service to American journalism and their country. John Phillips of Time Life, Paris, is expected home in February; likewise, Don and Connie Burke. Don has been in the Middle East for Time from July '47 to July '48; then was assigned to Berlin for three months this Fall and is now stationed in Rome.

Major George Fielding Eliot, N.Y. Post, took on H.R. Knickerbocker's program for a broadcast last week. Knickerbocker has a spot for news analysis on WOR at 7:30 P.M. on Saturdays called "Ringside of the News".

Teddy White reporting for the Overseas News Agency from Paris wrote on January 14th that the report of the ERP ignores the cold war and is based on peace.

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Members evidently use their membership cards a lot, judging from the dog-eared look of them when pulled out of wallets and also from the number of calls the office receives to check on membership. (Cards are yellow this year for active members, green for guest and associate members.)

Barbara Wace, formerly of Kemsley Newspapers, has returned to New York after a six months' trip around the United States and Canada. She is planning to write several magazine pieces about her trip. Barbara guessed the election right - she had been riding around in Greyhound buses.

About 125 members and guests came to the Hotel Sherry-Netherlands to hear the Netherlands Ambassador Dr. Elco Van Kleffens speak about the Dutch stand in Indonesia. Egbert White, vice-president, presided. Glimpsed around were Barbara Wace, whose guest was Lois Maddux Miller of Reader's Digest; Barbara Williams, Secretary of the Foreign Press Association; Dr. Fredericy, of the Indonesian Bureau of the Dutch Information center in New York; the Consul General of India in New York, R. R. Faksena; Gertrude Samuels of the N.Y. Times; Frank Frazier, Cliff Evens, etc.

Jimmy Young brought with him seven of the editors attending the American Press Institute Seminar at Columbia University last week; Robert Bates, editor of the Tribune newspapers of Meadville, Pa.; Rebecca Gross, editor of the Lockhaven, Pa. Express; J.D. Hartford, editor of the Portsmouth, N.H. Herald; Talbot Patrick, editor of the Rockhill, S.C. Herald; Neal Van Sooy, publisher of the Santa Paula (Calif.) Chronicle; F.W. Perry, vice president of the John H. Perry newspapers and Donald W. Reynolds; publisher of the papers in Fort Smith, Arkansas and Okmulgee and Bartlesville, Okla. Van Kleffens said that Indonesia would be a free, independent and sovereign state within a matter of months and that the Netherlands Government would sponsor it for membership in the United Nations. He said that the issue in Indonesia is freedom with order or freedom with disorder. The Dutch Ambassador declared that his Government did not consider the Indonesian problem as one for the United Nations and suggested that the question of United Nations jurisdiction in questions of this nature be submitted to the International Court of Justice. It would appear that the term "international concern" applied by the UN in many matters lends itself to misinterpretation.

The Netherlands has no quarrel with the political leaders of the Indonesian Republic, but with armed gangs who "have prevented these leaders from coming to mutually acceptable terms with the Dutch". These gangs armed with munitions left by the Japanese have opposed demobilization because of the ease with which they could live off the land, according to Dr. Van Kleffens.

Dave Boguslav of the Manila Times and Chicago Tribune correspondent in Manila cabled the OPC on the receipt of the UP wire story of the speech that night as follows: "Van Kleffens hundred percent Wrong".

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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